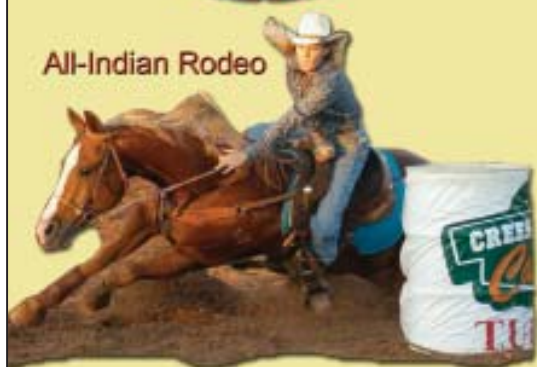




Living Legends Ceremony
Perry Beaver
&
Chief A.D. Ellis



All-Indian Rodeo

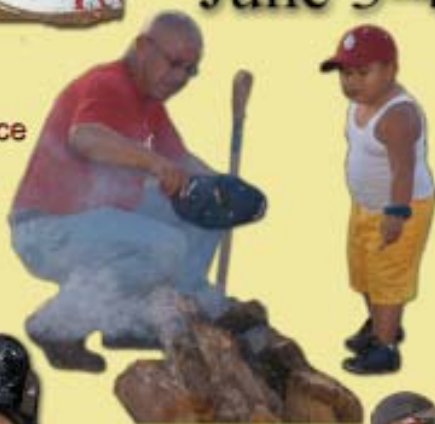


CREEK FESTIVAL

Event Highlights

June 3-4, 10-12, & 16-19

Stompdance



Miss Muscogee Nation
Katie Burden



Phillip Coon
WWII Veteran



Slow-Pitch Softball



PHILLIP COON
SURVIVOR-BATAAN
DEATH MARCH!
WORLD WAR II



PARADE

The first Creek Nation Parade was held in downtown Okmulgee with several participating floats and displays. Coordinating this event was Irene Culley of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Systems Diabetes Program. The first place winners were led by Farron Culley of Okemah with Stickball demonstration encouraging us to keep our traditions. Other visitors and participants of this event included Phillip Coon, a survivor of the Bataan Death March of World War II, visiting tribes and Royalty, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Royalty, and the Diabetes EPIC Program. The parade was a great success with many spectators on the sidelines watching.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL

This year's softball teams were treated to newly renovated fields at the Claude Cox Omniplex, which include awnings over the bleachers and reconstructed dugouts that included medal roofing and concrete flooring. Forty men and women's fastpitch teams from as far off as Tahlequah, Oklahoma City, and Florida competed for this year's championship.

The 2005 fast pitch results are:

Women's division — 1st place Sqa-sdi-yu, 2nd place Diamondbacks, 3rd place Fuscate, and 4th place Chatas. The following were named All Stars of the tournament: AJ Johnson Six-Sqa-sdi-yu, Jana Smith-Sqa-sdi-yu, Christine McGirt-Sqa-sdi-yu, Kiele McKinney-Diamondbacks, Natasha Henson-Diamondbacks, Amanda Harjo-Diamondbacks, Sammy Rabbit-Fuscate, Terra Smith-Fuscate, and Chris Mitchell-Chatas. MVP of the tournament was Kayce Odle of Sqa-sdi-yu.

Men's division — 1st place Red River Gamblers, 2nd place Seminole Rec, 3rd place Duck Creek, and 4th place Syko.

The following were named All Stars of the tournament: Jimsey Fish-Red River Gamblers, Mike Henson-Red River Gamblers, Jim Picattie-Red River Gamblers, Mike Clay-Seminole Rec, Silas Baker-Seminole Rec, Joey Bosarabra-Seminole Rec, Jarred Mosquito-Duck Creek, Randy Battiest-Duck Creek, and Dion Draper-Syko. MVP of the tournament was Steve Cable of Red River Gamblers.



VOLLEYBALL

"The tournament had a great turn out," stated Volleyball tournament coordinator, Christine Denny. Entered in this year's tournament were 17 teams. The tournament was finished by 6:30 p.m. "I think that makes tournament history," said Denny. "We look forward to next year!"

The Final Four are as follows:

- 1st- Place - Native Heat
- 2nd Place - Wolf Pack
- 3rd Place - Native Heat
- 4th Place - Red Sand



CREEK COUNCIL HOUSE INDIAN ART FESTIVAL

The 2005 Creek Council House Indian Art Festival, held in conjunction with Creek Nation Festival, was a huge success. There were many vendors of Native American Arts on the lawn of the Council House, along with 1830's camp reenactment, many demonstrations of culture and lot's of children's arts activities. The Pow-Wow dance demonstration was very well attended, as was Will Hill and Jehnean Washington's Storytelling. The event was capped off with a traditional Muscogee dance demonstration performed by the ceremonial ground Tallahassee Wvkokaye. The parade was the central part of the day's activities in downtown Okmulgee and the local community was ecstatic over the amount of people brought to downtown Okmulgee. The Juried Arts Competition was a huge success with many quality entries from "New" artists. The art will be on display until July 28, 2005. Everyone is encouraged to visit and see the quality of the work represented.

ALL-INDIAN RODEO

This years Rodeo had approximately 180 participants. Crowd attendance reached over 7,000 rodeo fans. Contestants came from as far as Florida, Arizona and Texas. Clem McSpadden, World Renowned Rodeo Announcer and member of the National Rodeo Hall of Fame, was once again this year's announcer.

New to this year's rodeo was the event, "Money the Hard Way." Five people competed for a \$250 prize.

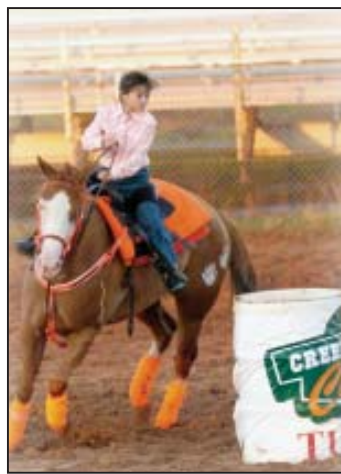
"The 32nd Annual Rodeo went pretty good this year," states Bob Arrington, rodeo coordinator. "The crowd really seemed to enjoy it."





5K RUN

The 5K Festival Run began at approximately 8:15 AM on Saturday morning. The event starting line was on the east side of the Human Development Building. The circular course took runners and walkers east onto Eufaula Street until reaching Loop 56, then heading westward toward the east Capital entrance. The course ended on the east side of the mound building. Seventy-five runners and walkers ranging in ages from 9 years to 87 years old participated in the 3.2-mile event. The event was well received and event coordinators would like to thank the following for making the event such a success: all volunteers, Lighthorse Police, MCN Judicial Branch, MCN Facilities department, MCN Emergency Medical Services, MCN Diabetes Prevention Program, MCN CHR Program, Amos McNac, Gerald Wofford, Jason Waquie, Wal-Mart, Warehouse Market, and The Bama Companies, Inc.



JR. RODEO

"Even though the time frame for organizing the Jr. Rodeo was short, over 500 rodeo fans and over 150 participants per night attend this year's rodeo," said Dewayne Motte, Jr. Rodeo Coordinator. Contestants came from as far as Georgia, Kansas, and Arkansas to compete for \$5000 added money.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Junior Olympic Committee would like to thank all the teams that participated in the Junior Olympics. The committee would also like to thank all the volunteers. The following are this year's team winners:

- 1st - Sapulpa
- 2nd - Okfuskee
- 3rd - Glenpool



LIVING LEGENDS

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis created the Living Legends Ceremony to honor our Muscogee citizens that have made significant contributions to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. National Council Representative George Tiger served as master of ceremonies. Tiger read a bio of each honoree, while Chief Ellis and Second Chief Berryhill presented each with a plaque and Pendleton blanket. Those honored are as follows: Hepsey Gilroy, Rev. Harry Long, R. Perry Beaver, and Amos McNac.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Creek Nation Gospel Singing was a success with help of the special guest singers. Approximately 300-400 people that were present at the event had their appetites met by Charles Chicken. Although the event had a few electric complications, everyone had a great time of worship and fellowship. "I believe next year we will have a two evening gospel event with one evening southern gospel and the next evening contemporary praise and worship," said Geebon Gouge, Gospel Singing Coordinator. "I would like to thank the following groups that have made the Gospel Singing a success: Taylor Osborn, Joe Baker, Forgiven and Delivered (FAD), JR Frank's Group and Jenna Gouge. I believe next year we will be able to expand the vision of the Creek Nation's Gospel Singing event."





GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again the golf tournament was held at Fountainhead Golf Course in Eufaula. There were 40 golfers that participated in the actual tournament on Saturday June 18th and Sunday June 19th. The results are as follows: Men's Flight Championship - 1st Randy Fixico, 2nd Ben Coffee, and 3rd Stan Duncan; A flight - 1st Lonnie Winney, 2nd JR Ross, and 3rd Woxie Wacoche; B flight - 1st Steve Cochran, 2nd Chris Aultman, and 3rd Joe McGirt; C Flight - 1st James Sipes, 2nd Ron Johnson, and 3rd Robin Stickel; Senior A - 1st Jerry Perry, 2nd Jerry Walker, and 3rd Truman Kaskuske; Senior B - 1st Len Yahola, 2nd Paul Bevenue, and 3rd Louise McGirt; Longest Drive Winners Men's - Joe McGirt; Senior's - Jerry Walker; and Closest to the pin winner - Randy Fixico.



2005 SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

The Scholarship Pageant was held on June 3 & 4 at Covelle Hall on the OSU/Okmulgee Campus. The results are as follows: Miss Muscogee Nation Princess - Katie Burden, 1st Runner-up - Leandra Thompson; Jr. Miss - Cherie Cassaday, 1st Runner-up - Tavfulabi Crook; Little Miss Division I - Newakis Hicks, 1st Runner-up - Nina Fox; Little Miss Division II - Lilly Freeman, 1st Runner-up - Tafv Hicks; and Little Miss Division III - Shelby Powell, and 1st Runner-up - Taylor Tiger.

Friday, June 3rd, attendance was approximately 150. Saturday, June 4th, attendance was approximately 70. According to Edwards Rogers, a professional judge for the Miss Oklahoma Pageant, this pageant was one of the most organized he had ever seen.

HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT

The following is the list of contestants and where they placed: Singles Tournament Contestants: 1. Carl Denton, 2. Joe Tiger, 3. Francis Lewis, 4. Glen Isham, 5. Leon Bell, 6. Candice Tiger, 7. Eric Harjo, 8. Danny Adams, 9. Kenny Fish, 10. Ron Johnson, 11. Rudy Walker, Jr., 12. Barton Looney, 13. Debbie Henneha, 14. Bucky Impson, 15. Ed Simmers, 16. Bobby Harjo, 17. Ron McIntosh, 18. Jackie Tiger, 19. Sara Morgan, and 20. Sam Beaver. The Champion was Bobby Harjo, 2nd Place Leon Bell, and 3rd Place was Candace Tiger. The most Rings was father & son, Bobby & Eric Harjo, tied with 20 rings each. The oldest player was Carl Denton, 75 years young. Doubles Tournament Teams: 1. Candace Tiger & Leon Bell, 2. Ed Simmers & Ron Johnson, 3. Jackie Tiger & Al Wilson, 4. Tim Bacon & Mark Berryhill, 5. Bucky Impson & Glen Isham, 6. Larry Soweka & Joe Tiger, 7. Debbie Henneha & Sara Morgan, 8. Sam Beaver & Bobby Harjo, 9. Delbert Morgan & Gary Morton, 10. Eric Harjo & Carl Denton, 11. Clifford Bear & David Bear, and 12. Shawn Green & Francis Lewis. The champions were Bucky Impson & Glen Isham, 2nd Place Eric Harjo & Carl Denton, which was a team made up of the youngest & the oldest, and 3rd Place was Candace Tiger & Leon Bell.



FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

Record breaking attendance for both nights at the 31st annual Creek Nation Festival Entertainment with approximately 7,500 music fans listening to a variety of music. Those in attendance heard music ranging from traditional country, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and native rock. Friday nights headliners were Indigenous and Junior Brown with special guest: Fiddlin' Buddy Streight, Vincent Craig and MC One. Saturdays headliners included Leon Russell, Indigenous, Ulali, Chris Zalez & the Stingers, Jimmy "Junior" Markham, Chebon Tiger Band, Cecil Gray & Red Dawn, Darren Geffe, Homebrewed and MC One. Both days were emceed by Elaine Miles (Smoke Signals) and Chance Rush. One fan told Chief Ellis the crowd was like the state fair midway. Blues Society of Tulsa President Bill Martin stated this years lineup and crowd is comparable to the Tulsa Blues fest lineup and crowd held in May.





Making a stance to hit a home run.



Junior Brown entertains the crowds.



Chief Ellis address the crowd at the Living Legends Ceremony.



Girls basketball made for great competition.



Steer wrestling was an exciting competition at this years Rodeo.



Two future hardwood stars compete in the youth 3 on 3 basketball.



Players sets ball for a spike. Which makes for a thrilling game of Volleyball.



The Health Fair provided valuable information to the public.



Catrina Beaver focuses on making a shot in the girls basketball tournament.



Creek Hymn singing



Jenna Gouge performs for Gospel Singing crowd.



Artist, Dana Tiger was in attendance and signing her art work for festival participants.



Many participated in the stomp dance demonstration



Martha Berryhill greets the crowd that was enjoying the elderly activities.



Crowds enjoyed the live band during the Art Festival Events.



A Junior Rodeo Contestant shows roping skills.



A member of the Tobacco Prevention program greets Creek youth as they demonstrate their athletic ability.



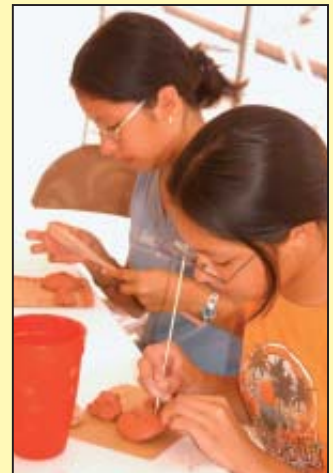
Mary Howard displays her art to even the youngest of spectators.



A volleyball player gets ready to volley with the other team.



Royalty greets the crowd as they pass during the parade.



One of the many cultural activities was clay pot molding for youth.



18yrs and under compete for the basketball title



Setting up to throw a ringer.



Perfect weather to enjoy some exciting games of softball.



A 5k runner heads for the finish line.



Rev. Harry Long receives his Living Legend Award by Chief Ellis.

A more thorough listing of the festival events will be posted on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation official web site which will include photos. Visit the web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov August 5th.